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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, April 27, 1916

The Executive Council met at No. 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

Present:

Mr. Charles Henry Butler  
Mr. Frederic R. Coudert  
Mr. Charles Noble Gregory  
Prof. John H. Latané  
Hon. Andrew J. Montague

Hon. Frank C. Partridge  
Mr. Jackson H. Ralston  
Mr. James Brown Scott  
Mr. Alpheus H. Snow  
Prof. George G. Wilson.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Honorable Andrew J. Montague presided.

The minutes of the Council of December 30, 1915, were approved as printed in the Proceedings and their reading dispensed with.

The Secretary made the following report on the membership of the Society since May 1, 1914:

### NEW MEMBERS:

Life .....	3
Annual .....	196
Total .....	199

### DIED:

Honorary .....	1
Life .....	2
Annual .....	20
Total .....	23

### RESIGNED:

Annual .....	47
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### DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Annual .....	6
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### TOTAL OF PRESENT MEMBERSHIP:

Honorary .....	4
Life .....	22
Annual .....	1,003

Total .....	1,029
SPANISH MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS .....	243

It was explained that the Treasurer was out of the country and was, therefore, unable to be present at the meeting. The report rendered by him on December 30, 1915, was reread by the Assistant to the Secretaries.

Several members of the Council queried whether the expenditure of \$300 per annum for the salary of the Assistant to the Treasurer did not constitute a larger proportion of the Society's income than should be paid for this service. The necessity for the expenditure was also questioned, and it was suggested that these duties might be turned over to the Business Manager and this sum saved to the Society. It was thought inadvisable, however, to act upon the matter in the absence of the Treasurer, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Society be communicated with in order to see if the item of three hundred dollars per annum, paid to the Assistant to the Treasurer, can not be dispensed with and saved to the Society.

The Council directed that in future the Treasurer's reports be submitted to cover the fiscal year of the Society beginning on the first day of January in each year as provided in Article 5, Section 3, of the Constitution.

The Committee on the Selection of Honorary Members reported that it had no recommendations to make, and the report was accepted by the Council.

A letter of January 20, 1916, from the Honorable John Bassett Moore, resigning his membership on the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law*, was laid before the Council, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary be requested, in behalf of the Executive Council, to communicate with Mr. Moore and to urge that he consent to remain a member of the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law*.

The resignation of Mr. Moore was thereupon laid upon the table.

The Recording Secretary reported that at a meeting of the Board of Editors of the *Journal*, held on December 30, 1915, after the adjournment of the meeting of the Council held on that date, the Board had decided to recommend as additional members of the Board of

Editors, the Honorable David Jayne Hill, of Washington, D. C., and Professor Jesse S. Reeves, of the University of Michigan. The Council thereupon approved the action of the Board and elected Messrs. Hill and Reeves to membership on the Board of Editors of the *Journal* as of December 30, 1915.

The following gentlemen were then elected members of the Committee on Nominations to report candidates at the forthcoming meeting of the Society in accordance with Article IV of the Constitution:

Honorable Andrew J. Montague, *Chairman*.  
Professor Philip Marshall Brown.  
Professor James W. Garner.  
Mr. Charles Noble Gregory.  
Professor George G. Wilson.

Whereupon the Council adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

JAMES BROWN SCOTT.  
*Recording Secretary.*